

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Tuesday, January 25, 2005
Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Balfour of the 9th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 11. By Senators Golden of the 8th, Stoner of the 6th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-9-40.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation insurance premium discount for insured with drug-free workplace program, so as to remove the existing eight-year limitation on the application of the discount; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 24. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd and Heath of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of controlled substances, so as to regulate the sale of products used in the preparation of methamphetamine; to provide for a definition; to prohibit certain activities with respect to such products; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 44. By Senator Hamrick of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-2-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers and duties of the Board of Corrections, so as to authorize the board to enter into contracts for the operation of private probation detention and diversion centers; to provide for rules and regulations for the operation of such centers; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Referred to the State Institutions and Property Committee.

SB 45. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Johnson of the 1st, Stephens of the 27th and Seabaugh of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, and Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to specify requirements applicable to legislative and congressional reapportionment; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee.

SB 46. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Staton of the 18th, Cagle of the 49th, Heath of the 31st and Chance of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telephone service in general, so as to provide that suppliers of wireless telephone service providing directory information shall not include wireless service dialing numbers without the express written consent of a subscriber; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide exceptions and authorize waivers; to provide for civil enforcement and immunity from certain liability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Science and Technology Committee.

SB 47. By Senators Stoner of the 6th, Brown of the 26th, Adelman of the 42nd, Golden of the 8th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pay, pensions, and

allowances for militia members, so as to provide that the state shall pay for life insurance for certain members of the national guard or air national guard who are residents of this state while on active duty or active duty for training; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

- SB 48. By Senators Smith of the 52nd, Thomas of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Tolleson of the 20th and Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to state a general intent to eliminate the future "sunset" of certain provisions relating to renal disease facilities; to provide that provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to renal disease facilities which were in effect and applicable on January 1, 2005, shall remain in effect and applicable until and unless changed by future Act of the General Assembly; to amend an Act amending Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, which Act was approved April 20, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 526); to amend Code Section 31-44-3 of the O.C.G.A., so as to revise certain provisions relating to membership on the Renal Dialysis Advisory Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

- SB 49. By Senators Kemp of the 46th, Thompson of the 33rd, Grant of the 25th and Zamarripa of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to provide for notification to the members of the General Assembly of the availability of annual reports, budgets, and audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee (General).

- SB 50. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Pearson of the 51st, Heath of the 31st and Hill of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-42.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a personal property tax exemption for certain property, so as to increase the amount of such exemption; to provide for

an effective date and applicability; to provide for a referendum; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 51. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Heath of the 31st and Thomas of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide for the degree of supervision of technicians in clinical laboratories; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 52. By Senators Smith of the 52nd, Harp of the 29th, Carter of the 13th, Hill of the 32nd, Wiles of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-11-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to debt to state created by payment of public assistance, so as to provide for the waiver, reduction, or negotiation of the payment of unreimbursed public assistance under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 53. By Senators Smith of the 52nd, Harp of the 29th, Hill of the 32nd, Wiles of the 37th and Weber of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to petition for legitimation of a child, notice to mother, court order, effect, and intervention by father, so as to provide that legitimation of a child may take place contemporaneously with the establishment of paternity with the consent of the mother and the father; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SR 33. By Senators Balfour of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Harp of the 29th, Thompson of the 5th and others:

A RESOLUTION approving the creation of a new four-year college in Gwinnett County by the Board of Regents of the University System of

Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Higher Education Committee.

SR 34. By Senators Cagle of the 49th, Balfour of the 9th, Moody of the 56th and Carter of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the sales and use tax for educational purposes may also be imposed in whole or in part for maintenance and operation of public schools with an equivalent millage rate reduction; to change certain imposition requirements; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes

Referred to the Finance Committee.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Education and Youth Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 33 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Moody of the 56th District, Chairman

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Adelman	Hill,Jack	Starr
Balfour	Hill,Judson	Staton
Brown	Hooks	Stephens
Bulloch	Hudgens	Stoner
Butler	Johnson	Tate
Cagle	Jones	Thomas,D
Chance	Kemp	Thomas,R
Chapman	Me V Bremen	Thompson,C
Douglas	Miles	Thompson,S
Fort	Moody	Tolleson
Goggans	Mullis	Unterman
Golden	Powell	Walker
Grant	Rogers	Weber

Hamrick	Schaefer,N	Whitehead
Harbison	Seabaugh	Wiles
Harp	Seay	Williams
Heath	Shafer,D	Zamarripa
Henson	Smith	

Not answering were Senators:

Carter	Pearson	Reed
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The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators:	Carter	Reed
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The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Senator Schaefer of the 50th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Andy Childs of Toccoa, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 28. By Senator Hooks of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION remembering and honoring the life of Lucius Black; and for other purposes.

SR 29. By Senator Hooks of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION remembering and honoring the life of James Frank Myers, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 30. By Senators Thomas of the 2nd and Johnson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Matthew Southall Brown; and for other purposes.

SR 31. By Senators Thomas of the 2nd and Johnson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION commending St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital and St. Mary's Community Center, recipients of the National Achievement Citation award; and for other purposes.

SR 32. By Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Weber of the 40th, Miles of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the DeKalb County Public Library; and for other purposes.

Senator Seay of the 34th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Paul King.

Senator Stephens of the 27th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:41 a.m.